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**Oregon Blueberries are coming!**

Cold temps over the last week hovered around 30F and 32F in the northern Willamette Valley. Luckily there was some cloud cover that helped keep the air from getting too cold. Sprinklers were running and we haven't seen of any damage to blueberry blooms/fruit. Early blooming varieties are dropping some petals, Duke is around 10%, and Liberty is around 5% bloom. Bee activity is very low because of the weather. This year we will bring you insights from our Farm Manager, Noel Sakuma and give you a preview of our newest varieties.

Oregon Berry Crop Update – April 29, 2022



We are anticipating a great 2022 with more predicted volume of high quality blueberries from our farms. Duke season is set to begin around July 4th, finishing with Last Call towards the end of September. This year, we will keep you updated on each export variety we are working with and show growth week by week.



Duke



Duke blueberries are the leading, early-ripening Northern Highbush variety. It is known for its high yields, uniformed size and superior quality fruit.

**Fruit characteristics:** Light blue, firm, mild flavor

**Timing:** Late June-Mid July

**Size:** Large

Draper



The Draper blueberry is exceptionally firm with concentrated ripening periods. The berries have excellent post-harvest color retention and superior shelf life.

**Fruit Characteristics:** Light blue, firm, crisp, sweet flavor

**Timing:** Early July-Late July

**Size:** Large

Liberty



Liberty blueberries are sky-blue in color and have a balanced, appealing flavor. This variety has excellent bloom.

**Fruit Characteristics:** Light blue, balanced flavor

**Timing:** Late July-Early August

**Size:** Large

Calypso



Calypso produces a firm, large berry with excellent flavor and a small dry scar. Fruit ripens uniformly, producing a very consistent size and durable in travel.

**Fruit Characteristics:** Light blue, classic flavor

**Timing:** Late August-Late September

**Size:** Large-Very Large

Top Shelf

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Top Shelf blueberries are notable for their very large, flavorful, firm fruit. While similar to Draper in many ways, Top Shelf blueberries seem to excel in areas such as plant vigor, fruit size and flavor.

**Fruit Characteristics:** Sky blue, tropical flavor, firm, juicy

**Timing:** Mid-Season, August

**Size:** Very Large

Last Call

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The Last Call blueberry bush produces high yields of large berries with a classic, sweet and slightly aromatic blueberry flavor. This berry has a nice crunch.

**Fruit Characteristics:** Very sweet, classic flavor, aromatic

**Timing:** Late-Season, End August-September

**Size:** Large

Peachy Blue – New Variety

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This is one of the new, crunchy varieties we have been talking about. This berry has exceptional flavor and optimal shelf life. Oregon Berry has made the commitment to only grow the best eating varieties, allowing you to move fruit easily and guaranteeing premium Oregon Berry quality! Quantities will be limited and are not guaranteed to export until we get closer to the season to assure quality.

**Fruit Characteristics:**

**Timing:** Mid to Late Season

**Size:** Large